

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:480
ANSWERED ON:28.02.2000
SPECIAL FACILITIES TO SENIOR CITIZENS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to provide any special facilities to the senior citizens; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor? ****

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a & b) Yes, Sir. Instructions have already been issued on 5th October 1999 that Senior Citizens of the Age 65 years and above can register one telephone connection in their names under N-OYT-Special category [copy enclosed]

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Subject: Provision of Telephone Connection on priority to Senior Citizens.

As a welfare gesture, it has been decided that the senior citizens of the Age 65 years and above shall be entitled to register their demand for one telephone connection in their names under 'Non-OYT-Special' Category. Telephones thus provided shall be transferable only in the name of spouse, if alive after death of the subscriber as a general category telephone and subsequent transfers shall be governed by prevailing telephone transfer rules.

WIDE PUBLICITY MAY PLEASE BE GIVEN TO ABOVE SCHEME.

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